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MEMORANDUM

To: UWP Committee

From: Dolores Dowdle

Deputy Executive Director, Finance and Administration

Date: February 13, 2014

Re: FY 2015 UWP Core Proposal recommendations

On January 13, 2014 a Call for Projects was made for the FY 2015 UWP proposals. Nine proposals were received for the core projects. The UWP Committee will act upon the core proposals at its meeting on February 20 with final action at its March 20 meeting.

CMAP staff has reviewed the attached core proposals in regards to the federal requirements, alignment with the proposed priorities in GO TO 2040, the requested level of funding, and, if applicable, previous years' expenditure level of core projects (see the committee item on the Second Quarter reports). All core proposals submitted meet the purpose of the core projects. CMAP has prepared an analysis and recommendation of the core projects. The chart at the end of this report reflects the approved amounts for the FY 2014 funded projects, the FY 2015 proposals and CMAP recommendations. All funds are expressed as the **total** funds requested. In most cases, the federal funds are being requested at the 80% level. The chart reflects both the federal funds and the total project cost.

<u>CMAP – MPO Activities</u> - The CMAP core projects are expended either within the fiscal year for operating expense or within three to five years for contract expense. The FY 2015 proposal is for \$15,102,800, an increase of 3.79% over last year. The increase is primarily the result of the expiration of the U.S. HUD grant, which supported a significant portion of the Local Technical Assistance staff. For FY 2015, funding is recommended as proposed.

<u>Chicago Department of Transportation – Chicago Transportation Planning and Programming</u> – CDOT submitted a proposed increase from \$800,000 to \$863,351 for the core project. For FY 2014 the funds were increased at the request of CDOT to support an additional three positions. The FY 2014 second quarter report reflects that only \$231,718 has been expended. There was a delay in hiring the new staff but will have all positions hired within the next month or so. Not

all funds will be expended for FY 2014 as a result of the delay in hiring. It is recommended that the FY 2015 proposal be funded at the FY 2014 level of \$800,000.

County – DuPage County Long Range Transportation Planning Program –Traditionally the seven Counties have submitted a competitive proposal each year for one of the Counties to review and update policies, strategies and projects to meet regional transportation needs. Prior projects have supported the development of a county transportation plan. This year the counties have submitted a \$437,500 core proposal for developing a transportation plan for DuPage County. The development of a transportation plan is consistent with other core projects that have been funded for other eligible agencies. Based on the level of funding provided in previous years for the county transportation planning, it is recommended the proposal be approved at \$312,500.

Council of Mayors – Subregional Transportation Planning, Programming and Management – For FY 2015, COM submitted a proposal of \$1,938,539, the same level as last year. The funding is recommended as proposed, with the exception of the following council.

South Suburban Council has not provided timely financial oversight required of the program. The council was granted funds from both the 80/20 and the 50/50 allocations. For the first seven months of this fiscal year, no monthly invoices have been received for their activities, similar to submittal issues in the past years. In addition, the second quarter report reflects that no funds have been expended. Numerous requests have been made for an accounting of the funds but as of today, no response has been received. It is recommended that the 50/50 request for South Suburban Council be denied. It is also recommended that prior to consideration for FY 2016 UWP funding, that CMAP conduct a financial audit of South Suburban Council and submit the report to the UWP committee.

<u>CTA – Program Development</u> – The CTA submitted a core proposal increase from \$375,000 to \$545,000, a 45% increase. CTA has responded that the increase amount is consistent with their original FY 2014 request and FY 2015 request would be at a prior level. For the last six years, the approved allocations have been: FY 2009--\$323,400, FY 2010--\$388,000, FY 2011--\$388,000, FY 2012--\$200,000, and FY 2013 and FY 2014 both were \$375,000. It is recommended that the FY 2015 proposal be funded at \$400,000.

<u>Metra – Program Development</u> – The Metra submitted a core project at the same level as the last six years, \$400,000. It is recommended that the requested funding of \$400,000 be approved.

<u>Pace – Ridesharing Services Program</u> – Pace submitted a proposal of \$75,000 for rideshare service program. Even though the FY 2012 program has over \$133,600 unexpended, Pace projects that this amount will be spent by June 30, 2014 on marketing expenses. The requested FY 2015 funds will continue the staff support for this project. It is recommended that the request for \$75,000 for the rideshare service program be approved.

<u>Pace – TIP Development and Modeling</u> – Pace has submitted a proposal for TIP development and modeling at \$75,000. The program was funded at \$50,000 in FY 2014. It is recommended that the request for \$75,000 be approved.

<u>RTA – Community Planning Program Staff</u> – RTA has submitted a core proposal of \$320,000 for the support of staff in the Community Planning Program. The staff has been supported in the past with other RTA funding. The Community Planning Program is funded, in part, with UWP funds. It is recommended that support of the staff for the Community Planning Program be approved at \$200,000.

Agency	Project Title	FY 2014- Approved Proposals - Federal funds	FY 2014- Approved Proposals - Total funds	FY 2015 - Proposals - Federal funds	FY 2015 - Proposals - Total funds	CMAP Recommendation - federal funds	CMAP Recommendation - total funds
Core							
СМАР	MPO Activities	\$11,641,200	\$14,551,500	\$12,082,240	\$15,102,800	\$12,082,240	\$15,102,800
City of Chicago	City of Chicago Transportation and Programming	\$640,000	\$800,000	\$690,681	\$863,351	\$640,000	\$800,000
County	County Long Range Transportation Planning Program - DuPage	\$240,000	\$300,000	\$350,000	\$437,500	\$250,000	\$312,500
Council of Mayors	Subregional Transportation Planning, Programming, and Management	\$1,384,270	\$1,938,539	\$1,384,270	\$1,938,539	\$1,328,750	\$1,827,498
СТА	Program Development	\$300,000	\$375,000	\$436,000	\$545,000	\$320,000	\$400,000
Metra	Program Development	\$320,000	\$400,000	\$320,000	\$400,000	\$320,000	\$400,000
Pace	Rideshare Services Program	\$60,000	\$75,000	\$60,000	\$75,000	\$60,000	\$75,000
Pace	TIP Development and Modeling	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$60,000	\$75,000	\$60,000	\$75,000
RTA	Community Planning Program Staff			\$256,000	\$320,000	\$160,000	\$200,000
Total of Core		\$14,625,470	\$18,490,039	\$15,639,191	\$19,757,190	\$15,220,990	\$19,192,798
Total left for Competitive		\$2,211,784		\$1,118,534		\$1,536,735	
UWP Mark		\$16,837,254		\$16,757,725		\$16,757,725	